

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A packaged confectionery product comprising:
a confectionery product and a package material formed around the
5 confectionery product, the package material having one or more scored regions
allowing ready access of the confectionery product wherein the package material
includes a metal barrier underlayer that is unscored.
2. The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package
10 material is scored via a laser cut.
3. The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package
material is scored via a die cut.
- 15 4. The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the
confectionery product includes a plurality of pieces packaged in a rolled-configuration.
5. The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package
material includes a laminate with an outer layer that provides structural integrity and
20 an inner layer that includes the unscored metal barrier underlayer to promote product
integrity.
6. The packaged confectionery product of Claim 5 wherein the outer layer
is scored to a depth effective to allow accessibility of the confectionery product with a
25 single hand.
7. A method of producing a packaged confectionery product comprising:
providing a laminate material having a plurality of scored regions wherein the
laminate material includes an inner layer that includes an unscored metal layer; and
30 packaging a confectionery product with the laminate material thereby allowing
a user to access the confectionery product with a single hand.

8. The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is scored via a laser cut.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the laser cut is performed after lamination of the laminate material.

10. The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is scored via a die cut.

11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the die cut is conducted prior to lamination of the laminate material.

12. The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate includes an outer layer that acts to provide structural support.

13. The method of Claim 12 wherein the outer layer is scored to an effective depth to form the scored regions while the inner layer remains in tact to maintain product integrity.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is printable.

15. The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer is printable.

16. A method of preparing a confectionery package material comprising:
forming a laminate having a plurality of laminate layers including an outer layer and an inner layer wherein at least a portion of the outer layer is scored to an effective depth allowing single-handed access of a confectionery product packaged with the laminate, and wherein the inner layer includes a metal layer that remains unscored to promote product integrity.

17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the laminate is scored to form one or more slits spaced apart along a least a portion of the outer layer.

18. The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is scored after
5 lamination of the laminate layers.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the outer layer is scored via a laser cutting process.

10 20. The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is scored prior to lamination of the laminate layers.

21. The method of Claim 20 wherein the outer layer is scored via a cutting
15 process selected from the group consisting of a die cutting process and a laser cutting process.

22. The method of Claim 16 wherein the confectionery package material is used to package the confectionery product in a rolled-configuration.

20 23. The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is printable.

24. The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer includes a first layer that is printable and adjacent to the outer layer.